this purpose. The State Government has been informed about the above position.

Scam in printing of catalogue of Nizam's exhibition

†140. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a senior officer of the Ministry of Tourism has caused a loss of crores of Rupees to Government for printing of catalogue of Nizam's exhibition in the National Museum;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action against the officer involved in this scam by conducting an inquiry into the same, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN) (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Desert Triangle Scheme for Kutch District

141. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have forwarded a duly recommended proposal "Desert Triangle", Scheme for Kutch district for a loan/ assistance from Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) of Japan;

(b) whether the proposal could not be included in this list submitted to the Government of Japan for OECF loan package of 1997-98;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the same was included thereafter; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(e) if so, the loan sanctioned and progress of work done so far?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, sir. The proposal was recommended to the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance for consideration.

(b) Yes; Sir.

(c) The Department of Economic Affairs later informed that the proposal could not be included in the long list submitted to the Government of Japan for OECF loan package.

(d) The proposal was not included thereafter because Government of Japan imposed economic sanctions after the Pokharan Tests conducted by India in May, 1998.

(e) Docs not arise.

Restoration of Monuments in Andhra Pradesh

142. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to involve the corporate bodies in the maintenance of centrally protected monuments in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to sign an MoU for the restoration of centrally protected monuments in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Culture Fund (NCF) enables private individuals/ agencies/corporates to fund projects for the conservation of monuments which are executed by the Archaeological Survey of India alone. However, creation of tourist-related facilities and improvement